Cal Grant 101

FOR BEGINNING CAL GRANT ADMINISTRATORS

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IN TODAY'S WEBINAR…

- Phones will be muted during the presentation to eliminate background noise.

- If you have any questions during the presentation, use the Q & A feature to the right. CSAC staff will be available to answer all your questions.

- Upon exiting this webinar, you will be prompted to complete a brief survey. Your response is greatly appreciated.

Participant Interaction

- Throughout today's webinar, questions may be asked...

- Let's try one...

- Question: How much do you know about the Cal Grant program?

------------------------Look over here--------------------→

Today's Agenda

- Cal Grant Application

- Basic Eligibility Requirements

- The Cal Grant Programs

- Cal Grant Payments

- WebGrants System

- WegGrants for Students

Cal Grant Application

FAFSA

GPA VERIFICATION

DEADLINES

Cal Grant Application

FAFSA

- Can be submitted by paper or online
- Student must list CA school on their FAFSA
- Must complete the applicable year FAFSA for which they are applying.

GPA Verification Form

- Must be completed by paper or electronically by institution.
- CSAC received 72,000 paper forms for the last March 2nd deadline, and about 7,000 for Sept 2nd deadlines

Cal Grant Application Deadlines

March 2nd, 2012

- Students attending any eligible school can apply
- Offers Cal Grant A, B, and C
- Entitlement and Competitive awards offered

September 2nd, 2012

- Only for students attending a California Community College (CCC)
- Students must be enrolled in the CCC by Sept. 2nd to be considered
- Only Cal Grant A and B offered
- Only Competitive awards offered

AB 131 Dream Act

Allows students who meet AB 540 criteria to receive Cal Grants

- Signed into law in October, 2011

- Cal Grants for the 2013-2014 school year

- Must meet all other Cal Grant requirements

- On-line application will be opened January 2013 to gather FAFSA like information

POP QUIZ!!!

ANSWERS

1. **(D)** - 72,000 GPA forms were received

2. **(B)** - Only students attending a Community College can apply for the September 2nd deadline

Basic Eligibility Requirements

FOR CAL GRANT PROGRAM

2012-13
Cal Grant Eligibility Requirements

- California resident
- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Meet Selective Service requirements
- Attend an eligible California School
- Not owe state or federal grant repayment

- Not in default on a student loan
- Not have earned a BA/BS degree
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not incarcerated
- Be enrolled at least half-time
- Must have a Social Security number

CA Residency Requirement

Students must be CA residents for at least one year

For Public Institutions
(CSU, UC, CC)

- Will use the residency dates and regulations approved by their governing boards.

Non-Public Institutions
(ALL OTHER SEGMENTS)

- Will use term start date, the community college regulations or develop procedures consistent with the community college regulations.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Schools must confirm that students are making satisfactory academic progress before disbursing funds using the school's SAP policy
  - Must notify the Commission of those students who are not making SAP

- GPA Verification is not required for renewal students

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Students must maintain SAP to be eligible for renewal awards
- To notify CSAC when a student is not making SAP
  - Payment Adjustment: $0
  - Adjustment Reason Code: "NP"
- CSAC will send student letter regarding SAP
- Student will continue to be listed in the "Eligible" section of roster
- After three consecutive terms of not maintaining SAP, the student is withdrawn from the program

New Cal Grant Renewal Requirements

Senate Bill 70

- Requires renewal Cal Grant recipients to meet the same maximum income and asset ceilings that initial Cal Grant recipients must meet.

- Requires renewal Cal Grant recipients to meet the same financial need requirements that initial Cal Grant recipients must meet.

Financial Need Requirement

New and Renewal Students must meet same Financial Need requirements

Calculation:

Cost of Attendance (COA)

−Expected Family Contribution

Unmet Financial Need

Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant A award amount +$1,500	Must have a minimum financial need of at least $700	Must have a minimum financial need of at least the maximum Cal Grant C award amount +$1,500

The Cal Grant Programs

ENTITLEMENT VS. COMPETITIVE

CAL GRANT A

CAL GRANT B

CAL GRANT C

Entitlement vs. Competitive

HS Entitlement Program

- Offers Cal Grant A & B
- For current HS Seniors or recent HS graduates
- Must submit HS GPA and graduate on or after July 1st, 2010 (for 2012-13 AY)
- Unlimited number of awards

Competitive Program

- Offers Cal Grant A, B, and C
- For all students who do not meet Entitlement criteria
- Maximum number awards
  - 11,250 for March 2nd
  - 11,250 for Sept. 2nd
  - Total of 22,500 awards each year

Competitive Scoring Process (Cal Grant A & B)

Once the student meets all eligibility requirements (income ceilings, minimum GPA, etc.), then CSAC will score the student based on the following criteria.....

Category	Maximum Points Possible
Income	76 Points
GPA	70 Points
# of yrs out of HS	18 Points
Parents Edu. Level	18 Points
Household Status	18 Points
Total Pts. Possible	200 Points

In 2011/12, the minimum score cutoff was 165 total pts..

Cal Grant A

- Low to middle income students
  - Below income and asset ceilings
  - Have financial need

- GPA minimum (3.00 H.S. or 2.40 College)

- AA and BA programs only

- Maximum annual award amounts
  - Can be used for tuition and fees only
  - Community Colleges – Not paid, but held in reserve

Cal Grant B

- Very low income students
- Below income and asset ceilings
  - Must have at least $700 in financial need
- GPA minimum 2.00
- AA, BA/BS and Certificate programs
- Freshman can receive up to $1,551 living allowance for their first year.
- If attending Tuition charging institution, students can receive the same living allowance plus additional money for Tuition and Fees.

Cal Grant C

- Low to middle income students
- Can be used for tuition & fees and books & supplies
- NO GPA Requirement
- AA and Certificate programs
- Maximum annual award amounts
  - Tuition and Fees - $2,592
    - At private vocational schools
  - Books and Supplies - $576
    - At private vocational schools and
    - Community colleges

Transfer Entitlement Awards

- Transfer from a CCC to a bachelors degree granting school during academic year

- Graduated from a California high school after June 30, 2000.

- Under age **28** by the end of the year for which they are applying

- Minimum GPA of 2.40
  - Earned at California Community College
  - Based on at least 24 semester units

- Enrolled in a bachelors degree program at a school that offers bachelors degrees

** Only offered for March 2nd deadline

POP QUIZ!!!

ANSWERS

1. **(C)** - Minimum GPA required for Cal Grant B is 2.00

2. **(D)** - 22,500 Competitive awards are offered each year.

Cal Grant Payments

TERM ADVANCES
SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

Cal Grant Term Advance

- CSAC will send a Cal Grant Advance payment at the start of each term.

- Currently, the Commission will be multiplying the previous year's reconciled term amount by 50 percent instead of the 95 percent used in prior fiscal years.

- Institutions may receive supplemental disbursements within a week of the term advance by immediately reconciling eligible payments in WebGrants.

Cal Grant Advance

- In the 2010/11 AY, Fresno City College reconciled
  - $150,000 in Fall 2010
  - $130,000 in Spring 2011
- In August of 2011 (start of the 2011-12 AY), CSAC sends a Fall Term Advance
  - Fall Advance in the amount of $75,000
- In January of 2012 (start of the Spring 11/12 Sem.), CSAC sends a Spring Term Advance
  - Spring advance in the amount of $65,000

Cal Grant Supplemental Payments

- Institutions will post student payments in WebGrants, and use their Term Advance to pay students.

- Additional Funds are sent to institutions if needed on a weekly basis.

- Unused funds will be invoiced at the close of the Academic Year.

- The 2011/12 AY will close December 2012, and invoices will be sent in January.

WebGrants System

CAL GRANT ROSTER REPORTS

Cal Grant Roster

The Roster provides the following information for each student.....

- Student Information

- Award Details

- Payment Information

- Holds (if applicable)

The Cal Grant roster also allows you to make payments or adjustments

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SSN	DOB	Grant ID	Cycle ID	Housing Code	Dep Status	New / Renewal	EL Code	CSAC Budget	EFC	Remain Elig	Forecast Elig	Roster Section
			C2	2	I	N	1	18738	0	400.00%	100.00%	ELIGIBLE(1)

Custom Codes	1	2	3	4	5

Education Level (EL) Verification   Reported EL 1   Verified EL [ ]   Status 1 -- Verification Not Required

Fall Term   Adj Reason Codes   Pay Status Codes   Delete Txn

Program Code	Award Type	Annual Award	Term Amount	Adj Amount	Adj Reason	Pay Code	Annual Need	Income & Asset Year Used	Rec Type	
	Totals	$1,551	$776			[ ]	18738			
B	ACSS	$1,551	$776		[ ]	[ ]			GRT	

Spring Term   Adj Reason Codes   Pay Status Codes   Delete Txn

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Reports

- In the Data Transfer menu of WebGrants
  - Click "Report Download"
  - Select the Academic Year you wish to view
  - Select the "Report Type"
  - Click "GO"

Accept/Reject Report

This report provides confirmation that each transaction was accepted.

Any transaction that failed edits, will be in your Rejected Section.

The Rejected Section will always display as the first section if there are any rejected transactions.


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GRANT ID#    SSN     STUDENT                   M  PROCESS SRC   ACT  PGM         ADJ  PAY                ADJ  PAY
                     LASTNAME          FIRST NAME  I  DATE    CODE  CODE CODE NEED NEED TYPE  TERM  AMOUNT  RSN  STATUS
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                     GONZALEZ          ELIDA          10/28/2011 C  U  C  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
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                     ROBERT         10/28/2011 C  U  C  0    0     B&S   FL    288.00        PD
       6785: PAY TYPE B&S: SCHOOL HAS ALREADY REPORTED PAYMENT

                     OROS              JOSE           10/28/2011 C  U  B  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
       6785: PAY TYPE ACC: SCHOOL HAS ALREADY REPORTED PAYMENT


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       TOTALS

           BATCH -   PAYMENTS REJECTED:       0     AMOUNT REJECTED:         0.00
           ONLINE -  PAYMENTS REJECTED:             AMOUNT REJECTED:

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                     ACEVEDO           WILBALDO     J  10/28/2011 C  U  B  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
                     ACEVES            MITZI        V  10/28/2011 C  U  B  9389 0     ACC   FL    388.00  HT
                     ACEVES            RICARDO        10/28/2011 C  U  B  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
                     AGUILAR           JEANETTE       10/28/2011 C  U  B  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
                     AGUILERA          ANA         J  10/28/2011 C  U  B  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
                     ALBARRANSALINAS   MARIA        G  10/28/2011 C  U  C  0    0     B&S   FL    288.00        PD
                     ALBRIGHT          MEGAN        R  10/28/2011 C  U  B  0    0     ACC   FL    776.00        PD
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Monthly Payment Activity Report

The Monthly Payment Activity Report (MPA) is kind of like your Cal Grant Bank Account.

The MPA Report shows detailed data regarding the payments CSAC has sent to your institution and the reconciled payments you have made to students

The bottom of the report provides the Year-To-Date activity broken down by term and payment type.

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                                        ACCOUNTING SUMMARY                        RUN TIME:  03:40:30
                                        ACADEMIC YEAR  2011
                              00111100 -  ALLAN HANCOCK COLLEGE


DATE            ACTIVITY                    FUNDS DISBURSED TO INSTITUTION    PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS        BALANCE
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08-23-11    FALL ADVANCE                              141,653.00                                         141,653.00

08-26-11    FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS                                    0.00                 141,653.00

09-02-11    FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS                                    0.00                 141,653.00

10-07-11    FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS                                    0.00                 141,653.00

10-28-11    FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS                                260,346.00              -118,693.00

10-28-11    RECONCILED PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION         118,693.00                                              0.00

11-04-11    FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS                                    704.00                 -704.00

11-04-11    RECONCILED PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION             704.00                                              0.00

11-18-11    FALL RECONCILED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS                                  1,374.00               -1,374.00

11-18-11    RECONCILED PAYMENT TO INSTITUTION           1,374.00                                              0.00

            TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED / TOTAL PAYMENTS     262,424.00                262,424.00



                                          YEAR-TO-DATE ACTIVITY
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                   FALL             WINTER            SPRING            SUMMER             TOTAL

CAT/F                  0.00              0.00              0.00              0.00                0.00

CBT/F                  0.00              0.00              0.00              0.00                0.00
CBACC            255,692.00              0.00              0.00              0.00          255,692.00
CBTOTAL              255,692.00              0.00              0.00              0.00          255,692.00

CCT/F                  0.00              0.00              0.00              0.00                0.00
CCB/S              6,732.00              0.00              0.00              0.00            6,732.00
CCTOTAL                6,732.00              0.00              0.00              0.00            6,732.00

GFT/F                  0.00              0.00              0.00              0.00                0.00
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TOTAL            262,424.00              0.00              0.00              0.00
GRAND TOTAL                                                                                  262,424.00
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Disqualified Renewal Students Report

Renewal students who do not meet the new Renewal requirements will be listed on this report.

This report provides

- SSN

- Last Name

- First Name

- CSAC ID number

- ISIR TXN number

- Program Code

- Award Amount

- Income/Asset year used

- Disqualification Reason

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16 - REPORTED INCOME OVER THE CEILING
17 - REPORTED ASSETS OVER THE CEILING
18 - MINIMUM NEED NOT MET
19 - UNMET FINANCIAL NEED BELOW MINIMUM REQ. FOR AWARD
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SSN	Last Name	First Name	CSAC ID	ISIR Txn Nbr	CG Prog	Award Amount	Inc/Asset Year Used	Disq. Reasons
	ATMAJA	JESSICA		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	BARBA	IRENE		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	DIXON	GABRIELLA		03	B	$1,551	2010	16
	DOUGHERTY	TAZ		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	DUCAY	CHERRYMIA		01	B	$1,551	2010	16
	GARCIA	ALBERTO		03	B	$1,551	2010	16
	GLADSTONE	DEVEN		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	HERRERA	REENA		03	B	$1,551	2010	16
	KIM	MICHELLE		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	LOREDO	MURPHY		06	B	$1,551	2010	16
	MARTIN	TAMATHA		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	MEDEIROS	KAYLA		04	B	$1,551	2010	16
	PEREZ	TERESA		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	PINONSOSA	JORGE		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	RUBERTO	GINA		02	B	$1,551	2010	16
	SCHMIDT	CHASEN		04	B	$1,551	2010	16
	SKIDMORE	JENNIFER		07	B	$1,551	2010	16
	VALENCIA	CHRISTINA		04	B	$1,551	2010	16
	VALLE	JULIAN		04	B	$1,551	2010	16
	VICARIO	VANESSA		03	B	$1,551	2010	16

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Total number of students: 20
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WebGrants for Students (WGS)

WHAT IS WGS?

ADVANTAGES OF WGS

WebGrants for Students (WGS)

Provides students online access to California assistance and more—

- Secure, 24/7, student-friendly access to their Cal Grant and Chafee Grant award status;
- Links to other related financial aid sites.

www.webgrants4students.org

WebGrants for Students (WGS)

www.webgrants4students.org

- Access available after the FAFSA is filed

- Check application and award status

- Verify and update e-mail and mailing address

- View payment history

- Simulate Cal Grant status at eligible California schools

- Request a leave of absence

- Self-certify high school graduation

- Select links to other financial aid information sites

WebGrants for Students (WGS)

1. How many students have created a WGS account since WGS went into production in 2005?

   626,759

2. Of those accounts, how many are currently active?

   540,864

3. Annually, how many new accounts are created?

   In 2011, there were 185,653 new WGS accounts created

Thank You for Attending!

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